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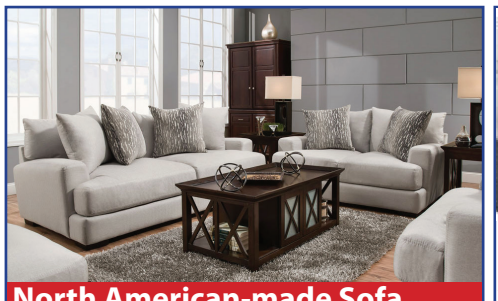
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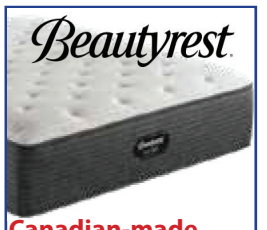
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What's old is new again for Carl Dixon

DARREN LUM
County Life Staff

Carl Dixon loves his West Guilford home for the peace and the respite it provides him. Dixon welcomes fans to enjoy his latest solo effort, new album *Unbroken*. Purchase autographed copies from his website at www.carldixon.com or look for the album at Haliburton County Folk Society racks in the Highlands. Submitted by Carl Dixon

A new album from West Guilford's famous rocker Carl Dixon, who was a band member of April Wine, The Guess Who and Coney Hatch, is taking fans back to what they love him best for – rock and roll.

Unbroken is a powerful collection of music with a sound that is reminiscent of a time when hair and shoulder pads were big, neon colours were bright, jean waists were high and knees ripped, and ponytails were askew. It's the kind of album that will make rock and roll fans happy to not just hear with the volume turned up, but to feel through their chests, and out to their fingers and down to their toes.

The album was released on Nov. 29 in Germany through German record company, AOR Heaven Records. It was subsequently released in Japan and then in Canada a few weeks ago.

Born in Sault Ste. Marie, Dixon said this eighth solo album is a return for him artistically and an exhibition of who he is now, particularly since getting married in 2016 and a near-death traumatic car crash in Australia in 2008.

"It brought me back to a place where I have a huge amount of experience and confidence and fans that want to hear that sound from me. I recognize now in retrospect the events of my accident changed how I viewed things. When you write and perform music you're writing and performing your personality and thoughts unless you're some kind of machine music guy that doesn't invest emotionally," he said. "When people are writing and performing it really is an expression of where you are in your life."

He adds his past albums reflect this, characterizing his solo albums as having a "gentler sound."

"This rock album probably is the finest example of that work I've ever done. There are Coney Hatch fans that will say, 'Oh, we like that stuff so much.' But to me, this is bigger and fully realized and more mature than what we did with Coney Hatch. I do love that band. We still play shows together ... this is like putting on a comfortable suit, but now it's all shiny and blinged."

Unbroken was produced with his fans and those who love this genre of music as the focus.

"I wanted to create this experience for the people that would appreciate it the most and, if I did that strongly enough, created this ball of energy in a focused way, it couldn't help but pull in other people along the way," he said. "It doesn't really work, especially today to try an appeal to the whole world."

Thematically, the album is about overcoming challenges, he adds.

"The joy there is in life and having survived many difficult things and coming out the other side with appreciation for life because the longer we live the more we go through those experiences, those transition experiences, those challenges that you either have to rise and overcome or you're stopped in your tracks. That's what I think is the theme. The transition and the moving on to bigger and better things. Don't get stuck in a bad place," he said.

He said the 11-song album was purposely ordered to provide listeners a musical journey.

The songs that stand out for him most are the first song, *Can't Love a Memory* and the last song, *Unbroken*, which were interestingly written reverse to the order of play.

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Haliburton provides refuge for songwriter

from page 2

"They both stand out to me as something special for the lyrical content, the melody and the energy in them. I would say those jump to mind. But, you know, I like them all a lot. There's a few that I think, 'Gee, I wish I had written this back in the '80s when [Coney Hatch] had a record deal.' One called *Summer Nights*, if this was the '80s, this would be the single and the video," he said.

He points out the one ballad, *All My Love and Hopes For You* is a "very tender song about people that I miss."

The song, *Every Step of the Way*, is about commitment.

"When you have commitment with somebody to them and to each other and to a purpose then all your decisions are easy."

This album comes on the heels of his last album, *Whole 'Nother Thing*, which was based in the country music genre. The origins of Dixon's collaboration with the German record company goes back to the morning after a concert in Nottingham, England in 2011, when AOR Heaven Records owner Georg Siegel asked about making an album with Coney Hatch. That didn't materialize, but Dixon kept in touch with Siegel over the years. Fast forward to 2018. Siegel offered a solo album deal to Dixon, believing he and German guitarist Robert Boebel could work well together. For the first time in Dixon's career, he would produce an album without ever seeing the collaborator in person.

"The process was he'd have a musical idea, send it to me as an MP3 attachment. I would listen to it and then I'd get a feeling for the lyrics and the melody that I wanted to put to it and so I would rough that out here and send it back. He'd take it another step and then I'd get a track that was the complete length of the song and record all the vocals in my home studio and then send those overseas on the internet back to his studio in Germany," he said.

He adds his German counterpart in this process handled the music. This process, which didn't include any real time feedback, worked out well for each other. One negative with only reading text brought a chance for misunderstanding. During an email exchange, Dixon compared one song to the well-known Bon Jovi song, *Living on a Prayer*. Boebel misinterpreted that comparison as an insult.

Dixon's wife Helen suggested they Skype, enabling communication with video.

It worked. The two could see each other while speaking, which allowed both of them to see expressions and better understand each other.

The writing and recording occurred simultaneously (in "fits and starts when there was free time from travelling and making a living") from the start of 2018 to August, 2019.

Since 2004 Dixon has happily lived in West Guilford.

It's a place that is near to his heart and has enabled him to find peace.

"The idea of this place Haliburton. This house and our land where I live now has become my refuge and my happy escape from the difficult moments. To be present in this forest, these lakes, this land, these people, this community, it really has affected my peace of mind and my confidence and happiness. Certainly, that's come out in a lot of the lyrics," he said.

He also attributed a lot of his grounding and positive outlook to his Australian wife, Helen Dixon.

"Love really is a huge factor in our lives," he said. "Good love especially."

The couple have been married since 2016.

He is thankful to the Highlands for the support he's been given.

"Thank you to Haliburton County for taking me in and making this life a beautiful thing," he said.

Dixon said there aren't any scheduled upcoming dates to perform in the Highlands, but welcomes the idea of a concert here. As for any other albums in the near future?

Dixon didn't rule it out.

"You're never done when you're an artist. There's always new things to learn and seek, but I felt like this is the most fully realized expression of my singing and writing that I've achieved yet across the course of a whole album," he said.

Dixon said he is working on having the album available locally through the Haliburton County Folk Society, which has racks available around the county, and at Canoe FM, as well as autographed copies on his website at www.carldixon.com.

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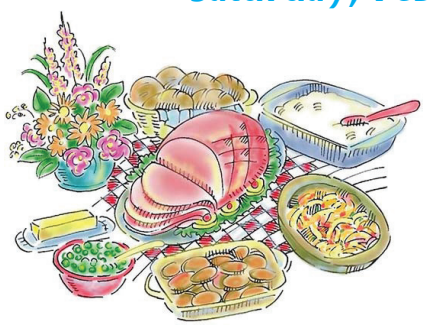

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Lemon Bucket Orkestra, described as a "Balkan-klezmer-gypsy-party-punk-super-band," adding a twist to traditional Eastern European folk music, will be performing in Haliburton on Saturday, Feb. 8 at the Haliburton Legion. /Photo by Carlos Martinez Garate

Lemon Bucket Orkestra to bring folk-punk dance party to Haliburton

JENN WATT
County Life Editor

For the last 10 years, the members of Lemon Bucket Orkestra have travelled the world, bringing their high-energy Eastern European folk-punk dance party to venues big and small - and on Saturday, Feb. 8, they'll add the Haliburton Legion to that list.

Lemon Bucket Orkestra is a Toronto-based group with roots in busking and the tradition of Eastern European folk music, melding the sounds of Russia, Romania, Hungary, Greece and Turkey, among others.

"In these kinds of regions you either have music that is based on a horn and drum band or you have music that is played by a string band ... we kind of do both of those, which is something that allows us to explore a wider range of music as well as it allows for something dynamic in the shows," says band member Jaash Singh, who plays the darbouka, a goblet drum.

Descriptions of Lemon Bucket Orkestra's shows include words like "energetic" and "joyous" and video clips online show the 12-member group physically engaged with the music, dancing just as hard as the audience.

After a decade with the band, Singh says he's had the chance to meet people internationally and learn about their music and culture.

"It's been an amazing journey. We've toured the world, we've [had] lots of beautiful and unexpected experiences coming our way, stuff that's unique that we feel that just because of the uniqueness of our position and the music that we play and the context in which we play it, we're privy to a lot of very special experiences," he says.

One of those experiences came when the band was delayed on a flight on the way to Romania and decided to bring out the instruments and perform an impromptu set for their fellow passengers. Someone shot a video and posted it online.

"By the time we landed in Romania, we see that this video's gone viral," Singh says, adding that late night TV host Jimmy Kimmel talked about it in his opening monologue.

Lemon Bucket Orkestra's visit to Haliburton is being organized by Dance Happens Here Haliburton, or DH3. A few hours before the concert, a dance workshop will be offered for free for those interested in learning some basics.

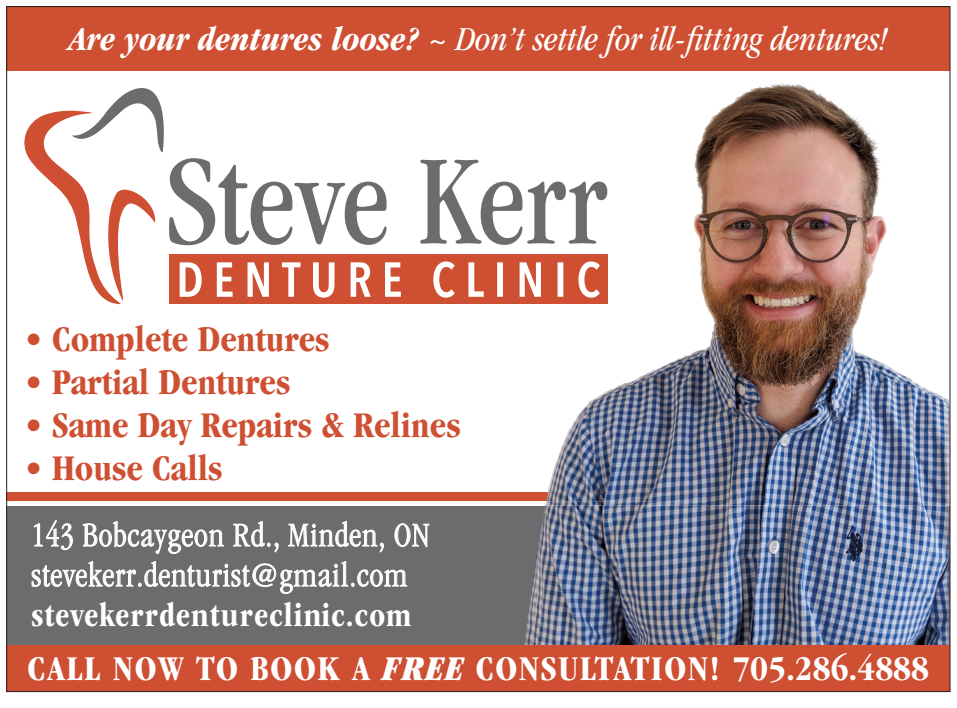
"These dances are made so that grandparents can dance with children and everyone in between," Singh says.

Maryssa Danilko is a member of DH3 and says that the performance will be for all ages and the Legion will include seating for those who would like to sit to watch, but she notes it is a high-energy night that will feature lots of dancing.

Singh says sometimes there is hesitancy among audience members to dance as part of a larger group, but it's so much fun that most people have no problem joining in.

"It's rare these days for people in the modern society context ... to hold hands with a total stranger and dance with them in a circle, it's not really something that happens a lot," he says. "So people really enjoy it. They're kind of taken aback at first, but then they just get right into it and it's a really lovely moment."

Lemon Bucket Orkestra is playing the Haliburton Legion on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $30 in advance, $35 at the door, $20 for students. You can buy tickets at The Source in Haliburton or online at https://bpt.me/4450056. Call 705-935-1870 for more information. The free dance workshop will be at the Legion at 6 p.m. on the same day.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A strawberry and chopped liver

I enjoy the ambiance of The Between Friends B&B, a renovated Victorian home, each time I visit Vancouver. The B&B is conveniently located just across the road from my eight-year-old grandson who currently lives with his father, my son-in-law. They reside on the street level of a one-bedroom rented apartment. The area is known as Kitsilano. It's an easy walk to the ocean and beach.

My grandson enjoys spending time with me at what he calls "the fancy" surroundings of the B&B. And the owner and manager welcome him. Our time at the B&B is usually spent after school in my room writing stories together.

"My grandson really loves your place and how welcome you and the manager make him feel."

"That's great. We like him very much."

"I have a request. As tomorrow is my last day, would it be possible for my grandson to join me for breakfast … and I'm happy to cover his cost?"

"No worries about payment. Would he like pancakes?"

"That's perfect. And would 8 o'clock be OK for us to sit?"

"Any time before nine is fine."

"Would you like to join me tomorrow for breakfast at the B&B? It's my last day there."

"Yes!" he responded, his dad staying in silence working in the kitchen.

"Well, with tomorrow being Saturday, we can let your dad sleep in and I'll come and get you at 7:30 a.m. And if you want you can just come in your pajamas."

"Wow! You're already dressed," I exclaimed when I arrived to get him the next morning. For sure he was excited. For sure he was amazed at the beautiful breakfast buffet and the place settings that included a place for him. For sure he enjoyed exchanging words with two other guests who joined us for breakfast.

"Oh your parents are separated?" one guest remarked.

"Yes. They have their differences," my grandson responded.

"That's a great way of putting it," remarked the owner as she placed a plate of three pancakes sprinkled delicately with icing sugar and topped with five of the reddest strawberries. My grandson's eyes danced when he observed his beautiful breakfast. Before indulging, the owner sat down next to him. She handed me her camera. She put her arm around him and took one of the strawberries and placed it on his nose. I took the photo. Later that day, at the apartment, I sensed his dad's malaise, "I would have loved to have come to breakfast too. What am I, chopped liver?"

By Barbara Rosen

T'was in the moon of wintertime

White mounds of clean sparkling snow…
Uncle arrives with toboggan in tow
Frosty breaths fill the air
There is a glow to light our way
As deep into the forest we go
In search of the steepest hill we know
Laughing and running, tumbling ass over tea kettle
Four in a row...

From a dizzy height, squeals of delight…
Snow flying, hearts pounding
Bodies cascading
Holding on tight
Handling the fright
Deeper and deeper
Into the night

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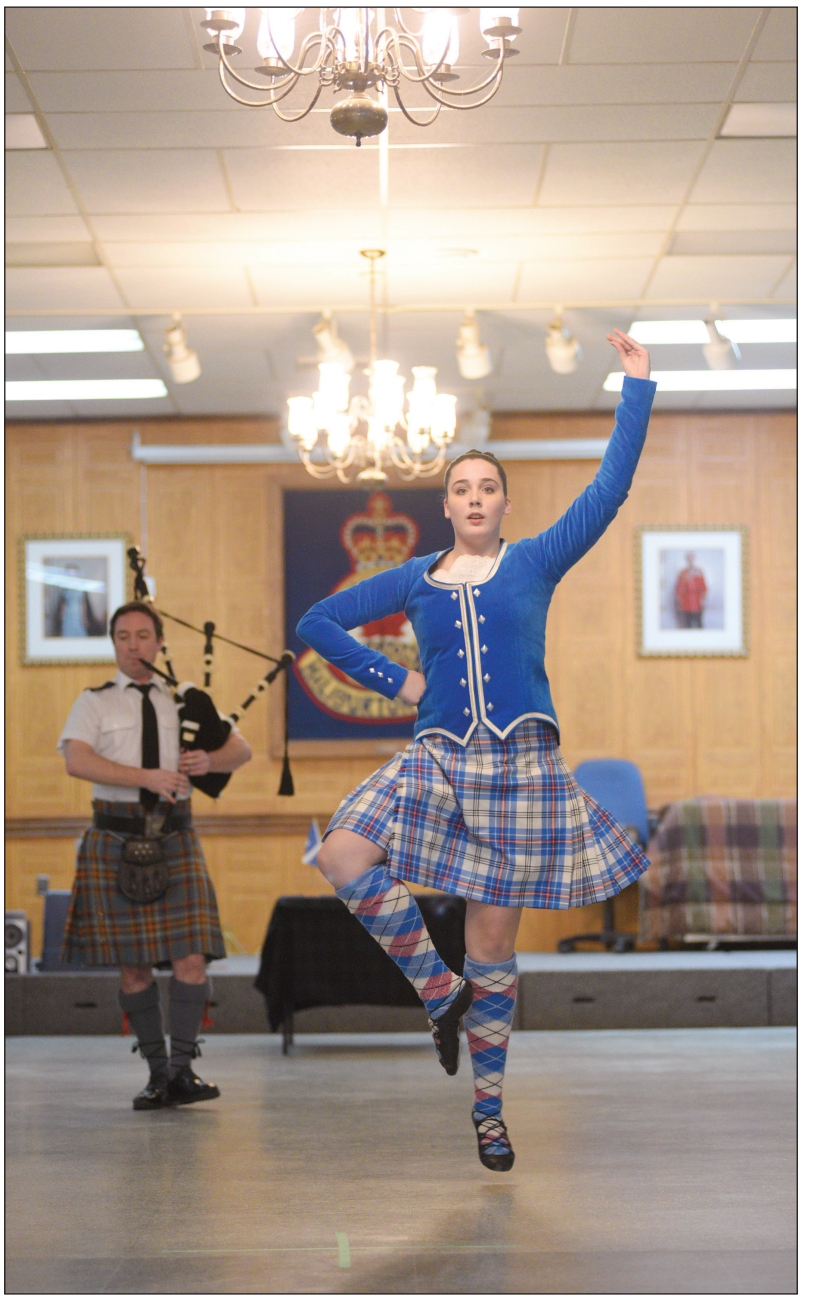

Robbie Burns night

There were plenty of smiles and laughter at the annual Robbie Burns Night, as people learned to dance on Saturday, Jan. 26 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton. The event included performances by the Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums and the Mansfield Highland Dancers, scotch tasting, and haggis. The annual event commemorates the life of Scottish poet Robert Burns, who was born on Jan. 25, 1759. Burns is best known for the New Year's poem, Auld Lang Syne. /DARREN LUM Staff

Dancer Lacey MacDonald, who has grandparents living in the Highlands, performs with Andrew Mansfield playing the bagpipes.

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Getting to know bees

I'M SOMETIMES ASTONISHED that despite living surrounded by nature, I know so little about it. I am not alone. Some evidence: A Friends of the Earth Canada poll found that while Canadians have good thoughts about bees, they don't know much about them.

Seven out of 10 Canadians polled by the Friends said they are concerned or very concerned about the health of honeybees and the conservation of wild, native bees. Most, however, were unable to say the main reason why bees are important.

JIM POLING SR

Almost one-third said bees are important because they produce honey. Indeed, honey is important – and delicious – but the absolute importance of bees is that they pollinate a variety of plants that give us food such as fruit, vegetables, grains and some medicines.

Two-thirds of the crop plants that feed the world rely on pollination. Without bees and other pollinators, we could not have our morning coffee and cranberry muffin.

Their pollination also helps to create trees and plants that moderate temperatures and produce oxygen.

The Friends poll was conducted three years ago and since then there have been campaigns to better educate people about the importance of bees, and other pollinating insects, such as butterflies. The campaigns hopefully are making us all smarter about this vital aspect of nature.

There is an opportunity in Haliburton later this month to learn more about bees. Master beekeeper Ron Lofthouse will conduct a free beekeeping workshop Feb. 29 at the Haliburton Highlands Museum. He will be assisted by Susan Chan, a botanist specializing in wild bee populations.

There is much to learn about bees. Their diversity is stunning. There are 16,000 to 30,000 species of bees (depending on whose figures you follow) and bees are found on every continent except Antarctica.

Canada has 800 known bee species, 400 of which can be found in Ontario. Experts say that your back yard might have 50 different species of wild native bees.

People are most familiar with honeybees, which are mainly managed bees, kept by beekeepers for honey and by commercial greenhouses for pollination. These bees help to generate hundreds of millions of dollars for our economy, but are not native to North America. They were brought here by early settlers for honey production.

There are many dozens of species of native, wild bees. Most of us call them bumblebees, named for the rumbling buzz they make when they are inside a flower collecting pollen, but the bumblebee is only one type of wild bee.

Public interest in bees – in fact all insects – is said to be growing, probably because of scientific studies showing serious declines in insect populations. Some research shows the total mass of insects is falling by 2.5 per cent every year, a rate that could lead to mass extinction and catastrophe for the world's ecosystems.

Much concern has been expressed over Colony Collapse Disorder, a frightening phenomenon in which a majority of worker bees in a colony simply disappear.

Last year bee colonies managed by American beekeepers declined almost 40 per cent. Ontario losses in recent years have ranged between 12 and 58 per cent.

No one seems to have a definitive answer as to why bee colonies collapse. However, loss of habitat, pesticides, disease and parasites are known to affect bee populations.

Individuals can help bee populations by making their yards places where they can thrive by raising more native plants, not overusing pesticides and considering more natural landscaping.

The Friends of the Earth have made many suggestions for helping bees through its Let It Bee campaign started back in 2016, details of which can be found at: www.foecanada.org.

The Feb. 29 free bee workshop at the Haliburton Highlands Museum begins at 9 a.m. and is scheduled to continue until 3 p.m.

Top 10 reasons we ask groundhogs to predict spring

IF ALIENS were to visit planet Earth and study us, they would have many questions. High on that list would be, "Why do humans ask groundhogs to predict the arrival of spring?" Here are the top 10 reasons I can think of.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. If they are wrong, it's all on you for believing a groundhog.
2. You can't get a weather man to stick his head out of a hole and check his shadow.
3. Posing that same question to a bear is dangerous.
4. Groundhogs don't watch enough movies to predict Oscar winners.
5. It's not like we ask them to do anything else.
6. Meteorology was not that advanced at the time and now we don't have the heart to fire them.
7. We live in an inclusive society.
8. They'll work for clover.
9. For the most part, they're impartial.
10. We went out on a limb and thought they'd know.

What appears to be a cabin in the woods is really a pile of wood, which is located partway down the Dingle Dangle run at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride in Eagle Lake. Sir Sam's Chris Bishop said the wood pile is the work of Magnus and Marta Rust, who have a bed and breakfast on the hill. /Submitted by Janet Trull

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Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw,
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Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at 705-457-2571, email rcl129@bellnet.ca or visit haliburtonlegion.com Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129.
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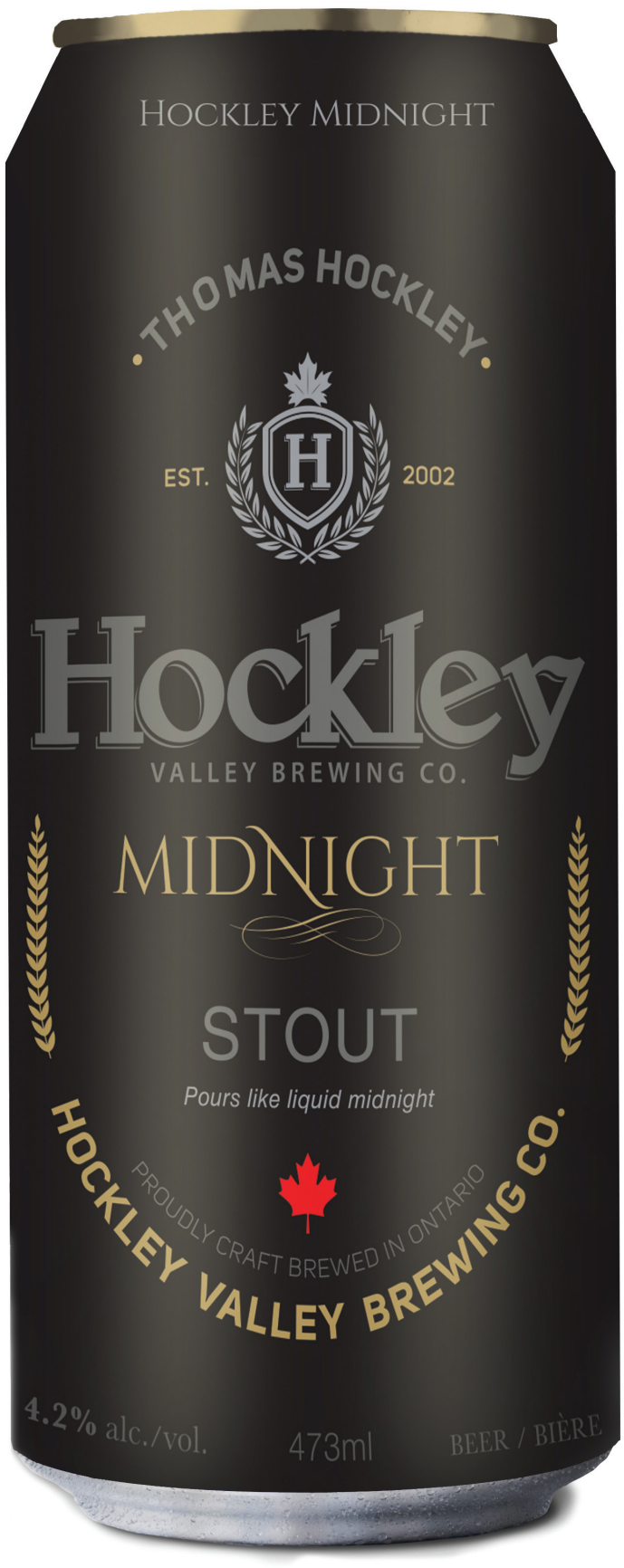

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When: Saturday, Feb. 8, Social 5 p.m., DInner 6:30 p.m.
Where: At the Minden Community Centre
Tickets $15, 12 and Under $8, 6 and Under Free
For Reservations call Wendy at 705-286-1225

Kinmount and District Educational Bursary, Annual Fundraiser Dinner/Auction
When: Saturday, Feb. 8, Doors Open at 5 p.m. Dinner is at 6 p.m.
Where: Galway Hall
To reserve tickets, phone 705 488-3053
Tickets: $20 each

Country Music Jamboree
When: Feb. 9 from 1 to 4:30 p.m.,
Where: Coboconk Legion
Open mic. Hosted by the Country Hot Flashes with Scott Russell and Ron Lister. Food made available by the Legion Ladies Auxiliary at a reasonable cost. Admission: $8.

Highlands Male Chorus: Winter Interlude
When: Sunday, Feb. 9 at 3 p.m.
Where: Haliburton United Church
General admission: adults - $15, children under 16 - $5, family - $35
Tickets available at Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton and Pharmasave in Minden

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Open Mic.Hosted by the Country Hot Flashes with Scott Russell and Ron Lister
Please note: next Jamboree is March 8
Food made available by the Legion Ladies Auxiliary at a reasonable cost. Admission $8

Affordable Housing Development Incentives
Information Session for Kawartha Lakes and County of Haliburton
When: Feb. 11 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion, 719 Mountain St. Haliburton
For more information contact Elise Karklins
ekarklins@kawarthalakes.ca ww
705-324-9870 ext 3105

Enviro-Cafe: A Green New Deal for Oshawa?
When: Tuesday, Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Highland Hills U. C., Minden
What: Speaker, Russ Christianson will talk about how thousands of workers could be back to work building electric vehicles in a "Green New Deal for Oshawa."
Admission: by donation
For more info: Terry Moore at 705-306-9254

Sexual Health Clinic
When: Wednesday, Feb. 12, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1205.

Haliburton & District Lions Club Polar Bear Challenge
An event at the Haliburton Frost Festival
When: Saturday, Feb. 15
Registration at 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Event starts at 1 p.m.
Pledge forms available at Cranberry Cottage, Haliburton Foodland, West Guilford Shopping Centre, Todd's Independent or online at haliburtonlions.com.
Prizes awarded to the top individual pledge dollars and top team pledge dollars and also the best costumes. All proceeds to the SickKids' Garron Family Cancer Centre or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, Bird Box Building
When: Saturday, Feb. 15, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Fish Hatchery
Join Norm Rondeau to construct bird boxes suitable for field birds such as bluebirds, chickadees, swallows and wrens. Kits will be provided. Admission by donation. You can register at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca or by phone at 705-457-3700

Recurring Events

Grief Support Group Community Support Services
When: First Wednesday of every month
Hyland Crest Auditorium, Minden Hospital 1 to 3 p.m. or second Wednesday of every month Abbey Retreat Centre, 1150 Garden Gate Drive West Guilford, 1 to 3 p.m. Offering emotional support in a safe and non-judgemental environment. For more information about resources and services, please contact Tel 705-457-2941 x 2932 Email: infocc@hhhs.ca Or visit our website at www.hhhs.ca

Taoist Tai Chi
Stanhope, Stanhope Community Centre
Tuesday. 10 to 11 a.m.
Friday, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Haliburton, Haliburton United Church
Monday 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Kinmount, Galway Community Hall
Monday 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. -12 p.m.
For more information please contact Wilma at 705-457-5829 or Taoist.org/Peterborough for schedule of classes

Minden Bible Church, Children's and Youth Programs
KidzLife (Mid-Week Kids Program): Every Tuesday, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
MBC Youth (Youth Group): Every Thursday, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
KidzLife ages: Grades JK to Grade 6
MBC Youth ages: Grades 7 to12
All are welcome and invited! Together, we will: learn about the truth and the life in Jesus Christ, play epic games, meet others within the community of Minden, eat snacks, etc.
www.mindenbiblechurch.ca

Morning Glories Fitness
Where: Upstairs, A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton
When: Tuesday and Friday mornings, 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.
Ladies fitness group for all levels
Contact: Jane 705-754-9996

Community Drum Circle, starting Feb. 2020
Wednesdays 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre Patio, 23 York St.
Join the community Drum Circle. Instruments available. Beginners welcome. Family-friendly. Each week a volunteer will facilitate the Circle. By donation in support of Haliburton DrumFest

Haliburton: Pickleball
When: Tuesday and Friday evenings from 7 to 9:30 p.m.
Where: Haliburton High School Gym.
Cost is $2 and rackets are provided. Bring clean indoor shoes.
Contact Jennifer Coates 705-749-3787 for further info.

Minden: Pickleball
When: Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Where: S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden
Racquets are provided so all you need are clean indoor shoes.
Cost is $2
Contact: Elisha Weiss, Community Development Coordinator, 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

Family Fun Bingo
Every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Kinmount Legion

Harcourt Community Centre
Harcourt Bingo every week on Wednesdays
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Kinmount Library
The Friends of the Library group have a monthly book sale at the Kinmount Library the third Saturday of every month.

Al-anon Minden
When; Monday evenings at 7 p.m.
Where: Hyland Crest (north entrance, follow signs inside building), 6 MacPherson, Minden
Details: For relatives and friends of problem drinkers. For more information call 1-888-425-2666

Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild
When: Second Wednesday of every month from 1 to 4 p.m.
Where: Stanhope Community Centre, 1095 North Shore Rd., Algonquin Highlands
Details: Meeting includes speakers holding trunk shows of their work, often covering new and interesting quilt and sewing techniques. Check out our Facebook page or our web site: Facebook.com/haliburtonquilts or www.haliburtonhighlandsquiltguild.com
Contact: Connie Walker 905-439-5943 or haliburtonquilts@gmail.com

Haliburton Highlands Weaving and Spinning Guild Open Studios
Time: Every Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Place: Haliburton Veterinary Services Building – Back Entrance
No experience needed.
Contact: Pat at 705-286-6042 or andreacoysh@gmail.com

Dorset Craft Connections Group
When: Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.
$1 per person

Haliburton Region Shout Sister! Choir
When: Practices are held Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m.
Where: Haliburton United Church, Fellowship Room, 10 George St., Haliburton.
Details: Directed by Laurel McCauley, Welcoming new members. We do not audition and learn our music by ear. All levels of singers are welcome. We sing a fun variety of music from pop and folk to Motown.

Table Tennis
When: Monday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Where: S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden
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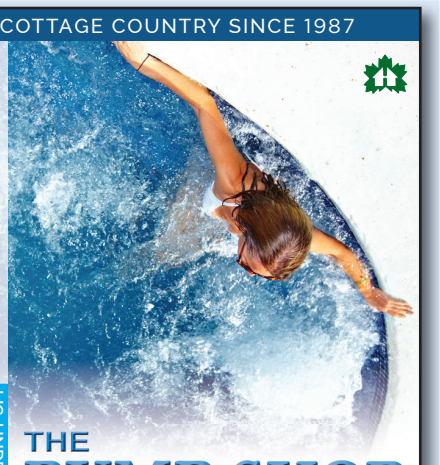

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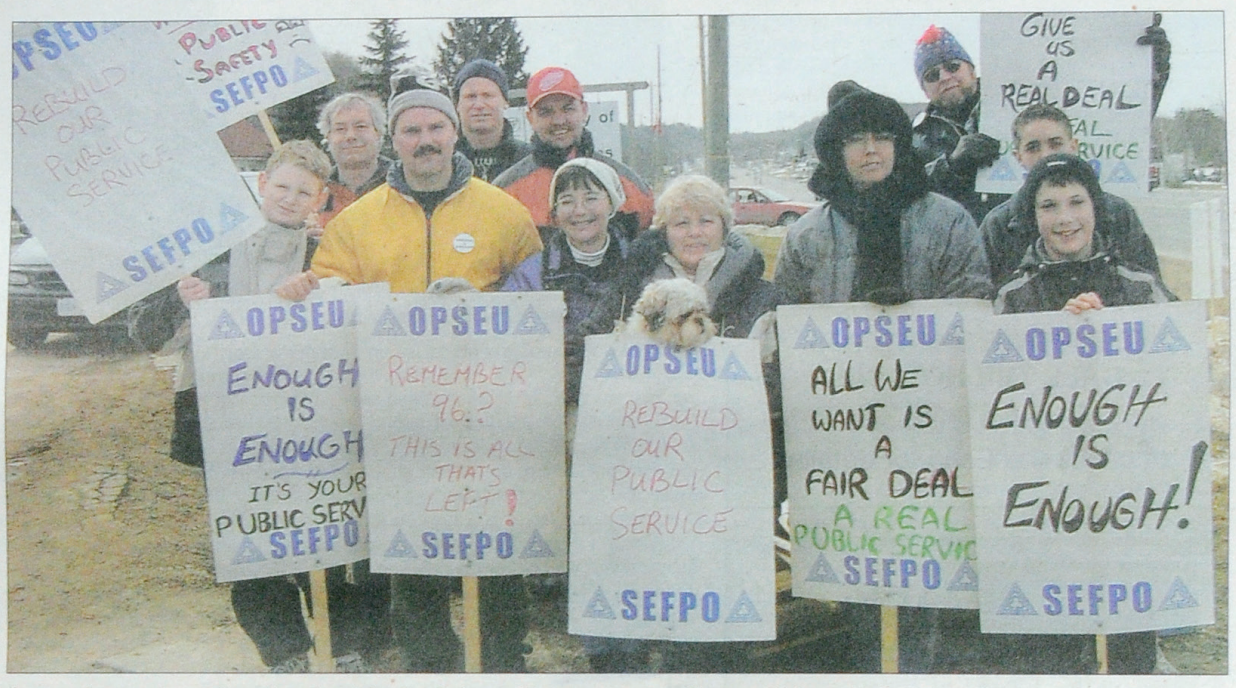

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Strikers and supporters gathered on the picket line in front of the government offices on Highway 35 in Minden Thursday. Seen here, left to right, are: Kyle Fry, Steve Fox, Gerry Moraal, Jim Fry, Dean Hewitt, Gayle Clements, Anita Marshall (and Buddy), Linda Robitaille, Ron MacKenzie, Brent Robitaille and Matt Clements.

This week

Break-dancing

Photographer Darren Lum takes an eagle eye look at the hills of Eagle Lake on March Break.

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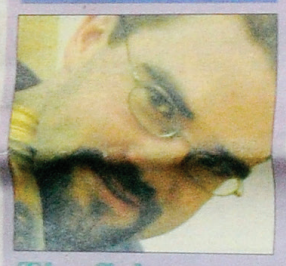

The fish man

Brent Wootton talks about the infinitely interesting secret life of streams.

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Notable quotes:

"There was just one little snag when I was asked to write about the people and activities of Stanhope Township. Turns out there is no such place."

Pat McNinch, new Stanhope News columnist, page 26

Commentary:

"The marriage has been good for hockey in this county."

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Only one person attempts to cross the picket line in Minden

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

The Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) exercised its legal right to strike March 13. The strike affects a couple of dozen OPSEU employees from Minden and Haliburton. Government offices such as the Ministry of Natural Resources in Minden and the MNR Fire Management Centre in Haliburton, the Ministry of Transportation, the Probation Office and the Registry Office are affected.

As of Thursday, only one person had crossed the picket line.

"We had one incident with one fellow crossing the line," said Gerry Moraal, a biologist with the MNR and one of the team captains on the picket line. "There have been no outstanding issues so far."

"He crossed yesterday [after being delayed]," said Ron MacKenzie of the MNR Fire Station in Haliburton and also a team captain. "We held him up for about an hour this morning and then he left."

On Thursday morning, there were just two managers inside the government offices on Highway 35.

If the number of drivers honking their horns on the way past the picketers in front of the government office on Highway 35 in Minden is any indication, support for

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Council to consider Clean & Clear by-law – again – March 28

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

With a unanimous recommendation by the Legislation, Building, By-law and Fire Committee, the contentious clean and clear bylaw will go before council for a first and second reading on March 28.

After listening to a short presentation by Minden Hills resident Bruce Bozec, showing support for a clean and clear by-law, the committee held a brief discussion before passing the proposal on to the next stage.

The by-law will appear before the full council on March 26. The public will then be given the next 30 days to read the by-law either on the municipality's web site, or a copy can be picked up at the municipal office.

"If they want to appear before council they can," said Reeve Ross Rigney, trying to get the public to voice

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